

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-17 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-7 are being amended. Claim 8 is being canceled. Claims 9-17 are new.

Amended claims 1-7 include much of the language of allowed claims 1-7, except that amended claims 1-7 are directed to up/down converters while allowed claims 1-7 were directed to methods of using up/down converters. In particular, amended claims 1 and 4 include language corresponding to the features indicated in the Examiner's reasons for allowance of the allowed claims. As a result, amended claims 1-7 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Although the language of new claims 9-17 is not identical to that of claims 1-7, the allowability of claims 9-17 will be apparent in view of the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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